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1. JAKOBSON AND NEW CZECH CULTURAL ATTACHE VLADIMIR SOLECKY HAVE CONFERRED ON SELECTION PROBLEM, EMPHASIZING JAKOBSON DESIRE ARRIVE PRIOR TO ANY SELECTION OF PROSPECTIVE FOLK ARTISTS, SO THAT SHE CAN EXPLAIN TO MINISTRY OFFICIALS AND POTENTIAL FOLKLORE CO-WORKERS CONCEPT BEHIND FESTIVAL. SHE WILL BRING 16MM FILM AND OTHER MATERIALS DESCRIBING 1975 FESTIVAL TO SHOW PEOPLE-TO-PEOPLE APPROACH AND NEED TO BALANCE GOC REPRESENTATION WITH AMERICAN FOLK ARTISTS OF CZECH DESCENT WHO WILL SHARE STAGE.

2. JAKOBSON PLANNING NOVEMBER VISIT PRECEDED BY FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH EMBASSY HERE, TRYING TO PERSUADE THEM TO ALERT MINISTRY OF CULTURE OF PURPOSE OF HER TRIP AND APPOINT FOLKLORIST TO CONDUCT FIELD RESEARCH WITH HER. WILL CABLE ETA LATER, WHETHER CONFIRMATION RECEIVED FROM UNCLASSIFIED

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